



Help us recognize outstanding small business owners and champions in the small business community.

2005 SBA SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

U.S. Small Business Administration

Know a strong candidate? Check one or more award categories, complete information and fax/mail to SBA:

- ☐ **Small Business Person of the Year:** For developing an outstanding & growing business, innovative product(s), increasing jobs and sales, overcoming adversity, and community contributions.
- ☐ **Small Business Exporter of the Year:** Significantly increased export sales and profits, encouraging other firms to export, increasing jobs through exports, and innovative methods of creating markets.
- ☐ **Young Entrepreneur of the Year:** Owner will not reach 30th birthday by June 1, 2005, three-year evidence of success in sales and profits, increased jobs, innovative products, and demonstrated potential.
- ☐ **Entrepreneurial Success Award:** Must own and operate a business that was launched small by SBA standards, received SBA assistance and has since grown into a large business.

Phoenix Awards: Those individuals whose efforts and contributions enable their business or communities to recover successfully from a disaster.

- ☐ **Small Business Disaster Recovery:** Small business owner that received a SBA disaster loan to rebound successfully from physical damage suffered in a disaster during fiscal years 2003 and/or 2004.
- ☐ **Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery:** Award open to private citizen, or state/local government official.

Small Business Champions of the Year: Those promoting small business through volunteering of time and service, and advocating the cause of small business. Champions do not have to be a small business owner.

- ☐ **Minority Small Business Champion:** Advances business ownership for minorities.
- ☐ **Women in Business Champion of the Year:** Increases business opportunities for women.
- ☐ **Veteran Small Business Champion:** Increases business opportunities for veterans.
- ☐ **Research Champion of the Year:** Person or organization conducting business related research benefiting small businesses. (i.e. - an economic forecaster identifying the financial climate for businesses).
- ☐ **Financial Services Champion of the Year:** Individuals helping businesses through efforts to increase their usefulness and availability of accounting or financial services.
- ☐ **Small Business Journalist of the Year:** Journalists who promote small business issues & contributions.
- ☐ **Home-based Business Champion of the Year:** Home-based business owners and/or individuals who have dedicated volunteer efforts to improve the climate for home-based businesses.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

I Nominate _____ Title _____
Company/Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Fax _____
Why? _____

Nominator Name _____ Title _____
Company/Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Please fax to (228) 864-0179 or mail Attn.: Small Business Awards Committee to: U. S. Small Business Administration, Gulfport Branch Office, Hancock Bank Plaza, 2510 14th Street, Suite 101, Gulfport, MS 39501

For more information, please contact Gary Reed at (228) 863-4449, ext. 14. Feel free to copy and distribute this form for additional nominations. A formal nomination binder with detailed materials should be prepared and submitted by December 3, 2004 to compete.